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17 April 1956

**SUBJECT:** Final Report on Training Accomplishments and USCM of  
25X1C4a Detachment "A" - Project Aquatone. (Recently designated  
the [redacted])

**TO:** Commander-in-Chief  
Strategic Air Command  
Offutt Air Force Base  
Omaha, Nebraska

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1. On 14 April 1956 Detachment "A", Project Aquatone successfully completed the last portion of its training program. This program was in two (2) parts; the formal training phase and the Unit Simulated Combat Mission phase. The former was satisfactorily completed on 3 April when the training directives, published by the [redacted] and approved by Project Headquarters, were fully complied with. (See Annex I for details.)

2. During the week of 9 - 14 April a USCM was scheduled. The entire system of the proposed overseas operational concept was examined; Project Headquarters issued daily operational orders, Detachment "A" flew the missions as directed, the exposed film was shipped to the contractor for processing who, in turn, delivered the finished product to Project Headquarters for review. This operational concept proved to be workable and effective.

3. In accordance with the rules established for the USCM (see Annex II) the following final scores were made:

a. Numerical score (see Annex III for details):

	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Points Attained</u>
(1) Per cent of aircraft airborne on time - - - - -	10	9.84
(2) Per cent of required aircraft effective - - - - -	25	

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		<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Points Attained</u>
			32 85
(3)	Per cent of required aircraft completing mission - - - - -	15	11.53
(4)	Per cent accomplishment of USCM required - - - - -	15	13.05
(5)	Crew proficiency:		
(a)	Navigation - - - - -	5	4.23
(b)	Photo flight lines - - -	25	
(6)	Combat reporting - - - - -	5	4.0
	Total score - - -	100	

b. Adjective rating (see Annex IV for details):

- (1) Briefings, debriefing and critique - Effective
- (2) Maintenance - - - - - - - - - - - Effective
- (3) Supply Support - - - - - - - - - Effective
- (4) Over-all Unit - - - - - - - - - Effective

b. As a result of the USCM certain discrepancies in the over-all system were discovered. It is recommended that Project Headquarters take the necessary action to alleviate the following:

a. Weather forecasts from Project Headquarters arriving too late for pilot briefing. These forecasts are required at least  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours prior to take-off time which, in effect, gives the Detachment Weather Officer only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hour to prepare his briefing for the pilot.

b. Ineffective reports.

- (1) The Landing Report should be extended to "30 minutes after landing" rather than "immediately after landing" to allow a minimum of time for the pilot to be contacted before the report is submitted.
- (2) The Sortie Report should be extended to "two (2) hours" rather than "one (1) hour" to allow sufficient time to compile required data.

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5. As a result of the USCM, and due to the successfully completed training program, it is considered that Detachment "A", Project Aquatons, is adequately manned and equipped, properly staffed, effectively trained and capable of performing their assigned mission. 285

6. Recommendation: It is recommended that Detachment "A" be declared combat ready.

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1. Annex I-Narrative Rept of Training
2. Annex II-USCM Scoring Guide - [REDACTED]  
Tech Pamphlet 170-1
3. Annex III-Numerical Score of USCM
4. Annex IV-Adjective Rating of USCM
5. Annex V-Statistical Report of USCM



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